

**PRESS RELEASE AUGUST 17, 2009
VERMILION ENERGY TRUST ANNOUNCES \$0.19 CASH DISTRIBUTION
FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 PAYMENT DATE AND EXCHANGEABLE SHARE RATIO
INCREASE**

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CALGARY, ALBERTA - Vermilion Energy Trust (VET.UN – TSX) is pleased to announce the cash distribution of \$0.19 per trust unit payable on September 15, 2009 to all unitholders of record on August 31, 2009. The ex-distribution date for this payment is August 27, 2009. Vermilion has paid cumulative distributions per unit totalling \$13.66 since inception as a Trust in January 2003.

Exchangeable Share Ratio Information

Upon conversion to a Trust in January 2003, some holders of shares in the predecessor company, Vermilion Resources Ltd., opted to hold exchangeable shares in place of Vermilion Energy Trust units. The following information applies only to those exchangeable shareholders and does not affect Vermilion Energy Trust unitholders.

The increase to the Exchange Ratio of the Exchangeable Shares of Vermilion Resources Ltd. will be from 1.74458 to 1.75534. Details used in the calculation of the Exchange ratio can be found on our website at <http://www.vermilionenergy.com/ir/exchangeableshares.cfm> or by contacting Vermilion's Investor Relations Department at (403) 269-4884.

The increase will be effective on August 17, 2009. A "Notice of Retraction" must be received by Computershare by August 20, 2009 to receive this exchange ratio. All notices received after this date will receive the exchange ratio to be determined on September 15, 2009. A holder of Vermilion Resources Ltd. Exchangeable Shares can exchange all or a portion of their holdings at any time for Vermilion Trust Units by completing a Retraction Request form. You can obtain a copy by contacting Computershare Trust Company of Canada at (403) 267-6894.

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